

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 6, 2016

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, May 9th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Youth Advisory Council Visit Lincoln Middle School

The members of the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council attended the Relay for Life assembly at Lincoln Middle School on Tuesday afternoon and participated in the assembly by providing a presentation on the dangers of tobacco. Eight of the YAC members attended and made a presentation urging the youth to make Every Day Tobacco Free. The presentation was a part of the Youth Tobacco Elimination Project grant that the YAC received from the American Lung Association.

Every 15 Minutes

On May 3rd and 4th, the police department participated in the "Every 15 Minutes Program" put on by the Lane County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with the South Lane School District. This very intensive program included a mock DUII crash with subsequent police and fire response (including Life Flight), along with the emotional aftermath of a DUII crash-related death. This emotionally-moving event is educational and a stark reminder to both young and old the impact of impaired driving.

City Council Work Session

The City Council will be holding a Work Session on Monday, May 9th starting at 6:30 pm to meet with Renee Yandel from the HIV Alliance to answer questions regarding needle exchange programs and services.

Budget Meetings

Next week the Budget Committee will begin consideration of the 2016-17 Proposed Budget. The first Budget Committee meeting and Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 10th beginning at 6:00 pm. An additional meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 12th at 6:00 pm. The Budget Committee meeting agendas and the complete 2016-17 Proposed Budget are available on the City's webpage at: www.cottagegrove.org.

Yard of the Week

The first Yard of the Week for the 2016 season is located at 2102 Ash Avenue. As a winner of the Yard of the Week the resident gets a credit for the water portion of their utility bill, a gift certificate from the Chamber of Commerce and a photo of their yard on the City's webpage.

Bohemia Park Amphitheater Saddle Span Installed

The saddle span that graces Bohemia Park each summer was reinstalled this week in preparation of the summer activities in the park. Again this year, the Bohemia Park Amphitheater will be the site of a wide variety of entertainment and events. The 2016 Concerts in the Park sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce will begin Wednesday, June 22nd. The Eugene Symphony will be coming back on July 18th. For more details about these and other events, check the Chamber of Commerce Community Calendar.

The Signs of Spring

One of the signs of Spring is the proliferation of yard or garage sale signs plastered all over town. Just a reminder, signs placed within the City right of ways, parks, on street signs or posts and mounted to utility poles are illegal and will be removed. The signs are litter and clutter the community. They also create hazards. Anyone caught putting Yard or Garage Sale signs up within the right of way can be cited into Municipal Court. The signs may be put on private property with permission.

Tree Branch Pickup

Just a reminder, the City of Cottage Grove's annual tree branch pickup will begin on Monday, May 23rd. The Public Works crew will pick up branches that are placed in street parking areas during that week only. For more information about the tree branch pickup visit the City's webpage or contact the Public Works Department at City Hall.

Ospreys Take Up Residence



At the Row River Water Treatment Plant, a pair of nesting ospreys are causing problems by trying to build a nest on top of active electrical poles that serve the plant. They have disrupted power and were in danger of injury from the electrical lines. The City contacted Emerald Peoples



Utility District (EPUD) and asked for assistance in eliminating the hazard. EPUD crews removed the nesting material from the power poles on three separate occasions. Since the birds



appear to be persistent and the area around the Row River Water Treatment Plant provides good food and habitat, staff offered an abandoned power pole, on the treatment plant property adjacent to the fishing ponds, as a location for a nesting platform. This week, an EPUD serviceman placed a platform on top of this pole and even added some sticks to encourage the ospreys to nest at this location.

The ospreys quickly moved to the platform and set up their home on the platform.

Divers Clean Raw Water Intake Tanks

On Thursday and Friday this week, divers with Reliable Diving from Maple Valley, Washington were at the Row River Water Treatment Plant to clean the two raw water intake tanks. There are two raw water tanks that supply river water into the treatment plant. The smaller tank is just behind the fish screens at the intake structure and measures 16'x16'x7'. The larger tank, which directly supplies water to the membrane filters, is just outside the treatment plant and measures 60'x17'x22'. Silt and sand from the raw water from the river settles to the bottom of these tanks and must be removed on a regular basis. Specially equipped divers enter the tanks and vacuum the silt and sand from the bottom of the tanks. The silt and sand is then land-applied to dry and return to the soil. This service is performed every other year.



Oregon Young Adult Network Meeting at Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library hosted the Oregon Young Adult Network (OYAN), a Division of the Oregon Library Association, for their Spring Meeting today. OYAN exists to provide a network for communications and support among people who provide library services to teens, to increase awareness of teen library services in the state of Oregon and to promote cooperation between school and public libraries. Librarians from across the state attended this meeting and had an opportunity to "check out" the amazing Cottage Grove Public Library.

Summer Reading

The Cottage Grove Public Library is excitedly looking forward to this year's Summer Reading Program. This year we will host Summer Reading Programs for Kids, Teens and Adults. The Summer Reading Themes this year are:

Kids: "On your mark, get set... READ!"

Teens: "Get in the game... READ!"

Adults: "Exercise your mind... READ!"

The Summer Reading Annual Kick-Off Event will be held Wednesday, June 22, 2016 from 2:30-4:30 pm. Hope to see YOU there.

Quote of the Week

We must walk consciously only part way toward our goal, and then leap in the dark to our success.

Henry David Thoreau